

ANOTHER TESTIMONY OF A COMPROMISED INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH

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The following was sent to me by Buddy Smith, missionary to Australia, in response to the testimony we published recently by Brian Snider of his visit to a deeply compromised “fundamental Baptist” church. (See “A New Evangelical Independent Baptist Church” at the Way of Life web site.)

We encountered the same thing the last time we were home on furlough. I had been concerned about a church in Huntington, W. Va. for some time. Years ago it was called Souls for Christ Baptist Church and was a live church. In recent times they had changed their name (can’t remember what it is now) and begun showing the *Jesus* film. When we visited there in 1998 we saw their display table covered with Promise Keepers materials; they had a “praise team” leading the singing, and singing CCM. They had photos of their members in ministry and one of them was working with Campus Crusade. Modern versions were everywhere, and the pastor was just about the only person to speak to their missionary of 28 years. So I wrote him and asked the church to cease our support as we are preaching against the very things they are doing. I told him I believe missionaries are supposed to represent the churches that send them. When that ceases to be the case, there needs to be changes. He wrote back to say he thought we should continue as things were, as the church was still sound in doctrine, and we needed the support. I wrote back and asked again that our support be stopped, and it was. It is unlikely anybody in the church ever knew about our concerns. The people we knew there thirty years ago are all gone. I expect we will come across more and more of this in time to come. And I’m inclined to think missionaries will need to give more consideration to tent making in order to support themselves. We are.

Thanks for printing Bro. Snider’s letter.

God bless,
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